

Canada District Luther League Biennial Convention

LUTHER LEAGUE EVANGELIST



PASTOR ERNEST NELSON

"Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world." John 1:29. "Behold Christ Crucified" — What a privilege it is to point our young people to the only one who holds the answer for this life and for the life to come. May our young people answer the challenge which Christ presents and give their all to Him today. May the Lord give you a spirit-filled convention at Prince Albert!

CONVENTION SONG LEADER



DR. O. K. STORAASLI



PASTOR G. O. EVENSON

Scripture exhorts us to sing unto the Lord a new song (Ps. 98:1). Christian song is one of God's great gifts to us. Our convention will be enriched by many singing. We of the choral union are happy for the privilege of being along. We pray that each one who sings is able to make a joyful noise unto the Lord because He is claiming in faith the salvation made possible by Christ crucified and risen. —G. O. Evenson, Choral Union Director.

PRINCE ALBERT, SASK.

JULY 27-30, 1950

"Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29

LOCAL COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

Chairman—Pastor M. B. Odland, Weldon, Sas.
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Outing—Mr. George Haugen, Birch Hills, Sask.
Local Pastor—Arnold Hagen, 259 11th St., E., Prince Albert.
Convention Organist—Mr. Norman Dahl, Saskatoon, Sask.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

Thursday, July 27

2.00-4.00 p.m., Registration.
4.00 p.m., Opening Prayer Session, Pastor Gordon Hope, District Prayer Crusade Chairman.
7.45 p.m., Opening Convention Session.
Singspiration, Convention Song Leader, Dr. O. K. Storaasli, Saskatoon.
Vocal Duet, Harold Solheim and Roy Hafso, Luther Seminary, Saskatoon.
Preliminary Business, Nominating and Resolutions Committees.
Welcome: Mr. Selmer Gjesdal, President P.A. Circuit Y.P.L.L.
President P.A. Local Y.P.L.L.
Response: Pastor G. E. Morstad, Treas. Canada District Y.P.L.L.
Address: "Behold Christ Crucified." Y.P.L.L. Evangelist E. N. Nelson, Minneapolis.

Friday, July 28

8.45 a.m., Choral Union Rehearsal.
Prayer Session, Pastor E. Haave, Sexsmith, Alberta.
9.45 a.m., Morning Session. Bible Study, Dr. Warren Quanbeck, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.
10.20 a.m., Panel Discussions:
Behold Christ Crucified for You — and Believe:
1. Believe that He Died to Atonement.
2. Believe that He Arose to Forgive.
3. Believe that He Lives to Indwell.
4. Believe that He Will Return to Judge.
Group A Leader, Pastor Lars Knudson, Margo, Sask.
1. Trygve Skretting, Enchant. 3. Lorne Vinge, Torquay.
2. Clara Angelvedt, Provost. 4. Alice Haugland, La Glace.
Group B Leader, Mr. Philip Anderson, Tofield, Alta.
1. Irene Knudson, Leroy. 3. E. Buchholdt, Valhalla Centre.
2. Marion Erlandson, Outlook. 4. Roger Nostbakken, Aneroid.
Group C Leader, Pastor L. McFarlane, Langham, Sask.
1. Alvin Rude, Edberg. 3. Bernice Berg, Southey.
2. Lloyd Dahl, S.L.B.I., Outlook. 4. Gertrude Farden, Saskatoon.
Group D Leader, Pastor S. T. Jacobson, Milo, Alta.
1. Eleanor Jorgenson, Swift Current 3. Marion Aasheim, Saskatoon.
2. Myrtle Wold, Sexsmith. 4. Odelite Torgunrud, Midale.
11.20 a.m., Joint Inspirational Session.
Vocal Solo, "A Prayer," Edwin Joel, Elbow, Sask.
"Behold Christ Crucified and Repent," Pastor G. O. Evenson, President S.L.B.I., Outlook, Sask.

Friday Afternoon Session

2.00 p.m., Bible Study, Dr. Warren Quanbeck.
2.40 p.m., Panel Discussions.
"Behold Christ Crucified — Then Decide"
1. About Your Friends.
2. About Your Leisure Time.
3. About Your Life Work.
4. About Your Stewardship of Time and Treasures.

Group A Leader, Mr. Milton Rude, Luther Seminary, Saskatoon

1. Clarence Hagen, Hagen. 3. Francis Bray, Edmonton.
2. Orlan Berg, Claresholm. 4. Elvin Haukeness, Estevan.

Group B Leader, Pastor Palmer Olson, Provost, Alta.

1. Elder Danielson, Sedgewick. 3. Eric Pedersen, Camrose.
2. Doris Meberg, Preeceville. 4. Judith Nodeland, SLBI, Outlook.

Group C Leader, Pastor Gordon Hope, Estevan, Sask.

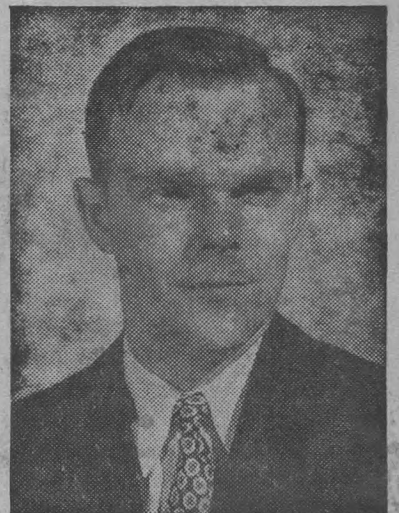
1. Harvey Haug, Ardath. 3. Clifford Gullickson.
2. John Lefsrud, Viking. 4. Mrs. S. T. Jacobson, Milo.

Group D Leader, Pastor J. F. Haugen, Cabri, Sask.

1. Marlin Marinson, St. Victor. 3. Edna Engebretson, Rose Valley.
2. Ioan Bernhadson, Camrose. 4. Arlene Steffenson, Irma.

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BIBLE STUDIES



DR. WARREN A. QUANBECK

MISSIONARY SPEAKER



MISS OLGA GUTTORMSON

INSPIRATIONAL ADDRESS



PASTOR A. M. VINGE

BLESSINGS IN STORE

These are days of great opportunities. The young people of today are most certainly faced with dangers, but has there been a time such as this with fine counsel and help? Through our congregations with faithful pastors, at Bible camps, conventions, church schools, Bible institutes, they have the opportunities to be fortified for what is to come. We greet you with the words of Holy Writ:

"Study to show thyself approved unto God."

—Pastor A. M. Vinge.

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THE WADENA NEWS

It is not possible to give any comprehensive resume of the general convention for this issue of The Shepherd. It was a very well attended convention. A spirit of unity reigned.

We can only mention some of the highlights, especially as they affect our Canada District.

★ A suitable recognition was given the Reverend J. A. Aasgaard on the completion of twenty-five years as president of our church.

★ The following resolution was adopted:

"Be it resolved that the Province of British Columbia in the Dominion of Canada be joined to Canada District, which shall include all the Dominion of Canada."

★ An almost unanimous vote was cast by some fifteen hundred delegates and pastors that further steps be taken to investigate the possibility of a merger between the American Lutheran Church, the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church. A committee of nine was set up to act in behalf of our synod.

★ The United Christian Education Appeal be completed as soon as possible. Further details will be given in the next issue of The Shepherd.

★ That the rate paid by the congregations toward the Pension Fund be raised from six per cent to eight per cent.

May the Lord bless the decisions made.

ADULT CONFIRMATION AT TORQUAY

June 18th was a great day for the Trinity congregation at Torquay. It was Confirmation Sunday, seven young people and ten adults were confirmed in the Faith of the Church, and in their decision to renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways to serve the living God. Dr. Jacob Tanner's books have been used for the instruction of these classes. The adults had met for ten periods of instruction, Tanner's Senior Confirmation Book was used in the study of God's Way of Salvation as we find it in the Bible. Of the ten adults none were of Scandinavian origin. Racially they came from French, German, English, Scotch and Irish background; religiously they also had a varied background, Roman Catholic, Anglican, United Church, Latter Day Saints, and one with Lutheran background. It is our aim to serve the people of the community, and win all for Christ no matter what background they may have. We do rejoice over the increasing spiritual interest that is being manifested among us. May we all press forward, and continue to pray for revivals among us. Do we need to say that the church was filled to capacity on confirmation Sunday? In the afternoon, former pastor of this parish, the Rev. A. K. Haugen of Outlook, Sask., preached the confessional sermon, and 82 of the congregation came to the Holy Communion. The same day several families were received into membership with the congregation, they were besides

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, HAY LAKES



The top picture shows the church as it was before the remodelling was done. The lower picture was taken after the work was completed.

Corner Stone Laying Service at St. Joseph's Lutheran, Hay Lakes

Sunday, June 11th was a memorable day in the St. Joseph congregation. People from far and near, gathered for the cornerstone laying and dedication of the church which was moved from its original site to the cemetery plot, put on a full-size basement and remodelled! This is one of three congregations served by Pastor R. O. Olson of Armana.

The day began with services at eleven o'clock when Dr. Mars Dale, president of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of Canada, spoke on the text for the day, Luke 16:19-31, on the rich man and Lazarus. The rich man had it presumably well, here in this life, plenty to eat, fine clothes and a nice home. He "fared sumptuously" and the fact that a person has all these things doesn't condemn one, but it was his attitude toward those things (his riches) making them the one aim and object of his life, so much so that he had nothing to even offer the poor man. That destroyed him. How vastly different life, and the way in which it is lived, looks when put over against eternity! Lazarus, who barely existed from day to day, not having even the wherewithal to enjoy even the absolute essentials of life, covered with sores, with nothing but the dogs to lick his sores, didn't have much, as far as material things, to live for, but how vastly different their state was in eternity! All that the rich man received at the end was a big, costly funeral! A sad end to come to, indeed! Not even a mention is made of whether the poor man received a funeral or not, but at least he got it good in heaven!

the confirmands, Mr. Armour Andrews and four children, Mrs. Andrews was being confirmed. Mr. Geo. Dressler and two children, Mrs. Dressler was confirmed; Mrs. Otto Peterman, Mr. Otto Peterman was confirmed. The others who were confirmed were Walter Raynhold Olson, Vern Arden Erickson, David Arthur Fonstad, Grace Marie Listoe, Marguerite Caroline Sovdi, Audrey Naomi Shelstad, Alice Marion Delores Knutson, and of the adults, Rachel Young Bergum, Gladys Evelyn Bergum, Kathleen Mary Tenold, Robert Samuel McWhinney, David Borth and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Toovey. Twenty new members were added to the congregation. We look for spiritual refreshed souls during our annual Bible Week. Another adult confirmation class may be organized in the fall, it will be as soon as the demand is there.

—J. Precht.

en! Oh, the cry of the unsaved as from out of anguish and the torment of hell we see this soul beg for help, beginning to pray, in a place where neither help could be given or prayer answered! My friend, make use of your opportunity now to be saved!

A number of musical selections were given. A Norwegian number, "Kun et Skrit," by the St. Joseph choir, a number by the Bethlehem male quartette, and two numbers by the Scandia choir, and also a number by the St. Joseph's Ladies' choir and Ladies' Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. R. O. Olson.

After a very fine dinner served by the ladies of the congregation, the services for the day continued at 2.30 p.m. with the laying of the corner stone. Two very fine stones of black marble with the inscription, "The St. Joseph Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1915-1950," had previously been prepared, one to serve as a name plate and the other to serve as a corner stone marker, and donated to the congregation by Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hoveland of Camrose, for which we are especially grateful. Mr. Ken Patridge of The Camrose Canadian, was out to take pictures of various parts of the services. After the corner stone laying the services were continued upstairs with scripture reading by the local pastor and Pastor S. J. Rude of Edberg, Alta. Dr. Dale again brought a stirring message on the text taken from Joshua 4: 1-7, on the thought "What Mean These Stones," likening these stones set down as a memorial of the momentous crossing of the River Jordan to the Christian Church. Why the Christian Church? It is the abode of God, and the means whereby He seeks to reach out through the Word and the Sacraments to a lost humanity. God has consecrated His House for all time for this purpose, and for this purpose we now dedicate our Church, the St. Joseph Church! A challenge was given for all in like manner to dedicate their lives to God, to live all-out for Him!

A number of musical selections were given again. Mrs. Johnny Sware of Hay Lake, favored us with two saxophone solos, "The Holy City" before the service, and "Thanks Be to God," as the postlude. Dr. and Mrs. Alf. Fjorboten then sang a duet, "Bless This House." The St. Joseph choir sang two numbers.

A substantial offering was given toward decreasing the existing debt of the congregation. Our people have contributed marvelously well so that

very little indebtedness remains.

Quite a number of pastors have served the St. Joseph congregation since its beginning. The two earliest were Pastors Gjerde and Froyen, followed by T. T. Carlson, O. Ellingson, A. Solheim, Nels Carson, Selmer Rude from 1939 to 1945 and the present pastor, R. O. Olson from 1945 till now. It was in 1948 that they decided to buy out the Swan Hill share in the church and property, jointly built and owned since the edifice was built in 1915. It was further decided to prepare a full sized basement and to move the church on to it, and then have it remodelled. As a result of ready hands and willing hearts by all concerned, the church stands as it is today. To Almighty God we give our thanks!

District News

Dorothy Vinge, together with students from the United States, left by plane for Luxembourg June 25th. After the arrival there they were to spend a couple of days in Paris. Dorothy will be working in a Motherhouse in Nurnberg, Germany June 30 to July 12. In the free time from July 12 to 23 she will be in Norway. July 15 to 19 at Oberammagau. July 29 to September 2 she will participate in the study-work camp in Berlin. Her address in Norway is in care of Otto Ottesen, Skrenten 5, Thronheim, Norway, and her address in Berlin from July 29th and on is:

In care of Dr. Pfeiffer,
Berlin-Friednau,
Knaustrasse 11
Germany.

"HE BROUGHT US FORTH"

James 1:17-21

James is writing to Christians who were passing through many an intense fire of trial and temptation! Besides writing to comfort these "beloved brethren," James sought to correct certain errors that were creeping in! One error that was raising havoc in the Church was this that if salvation was a matter of Faith in Jesus Christ then it was a matter of little concern how one lived! Thus Christians lived in sin excusing themselves that after all sin is inevitable, an unavoidable evil, even going to the extent of saying that God used sin as a means of developing His children! Thus through an erroneous view of sin, and a false understanding of Justification by Faith, the Christians were as James states turning the Grace of God into an excuse for sin!

James has just set forth the Truth of Sin, and he goes on to show how inconceivable it is to think of God, immutable and unchanging, whose one reaction to sin has been, and always will be, this that "the soul that sinneth shall surely die," hating sin with a Holy consuming hatred, to think of Him as condoning sin, or making use of evil in the upbringing of His children! While it is true that God tempts (that is, tests or tries) His people, as in the case of Abraham, yet it is always from a good motive and for a good end, that these souls might as Job states: "When I am tried I shall come forth as pure gold." Sin instead of originating with God is a very personal thing, aroused and constantly arising from out of the corrupt nature and depraved heart of man! (Read James 1:13-15). How man has tried to escape this one fact and reality of sin, and himself as a lost and condemned sinner! Since Adam all have sought to find refuge behind some tree of excuse or some fig leaf of home made righteousness! Our age with its tendency to be easy going and broad minded when it comes to this matter of sin, seeking more and more to edge away from the clear-cut teachings of God's Word which sets it forth in all its gruesomeness, would be well to heed James' injunction in this "do not err my beloved brethren!" To think lightly of sin, to condone it in any shape or

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LUTHER LEAGUE DISTRICT CONVENTION
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- 4.00 p.m., Joint Inspiration Session.
Vocal Solo, Leif Jacobson, Prince Albert.
"Behold Christ Crucified in the Means of Grace." Pastor A. M. Vinge, Dean of C.L.B.I., Camrose, Alberta.
- 7.00 p.m., Film Period, Mr. G. Loken, S.L.B.I., Outlook, Sask.
- 7.45 p.m., Friday Evening Session, Mission Night.
Singspiration, Dr. O. K. Storaasli.
Vocal Solo, "The Lord is My Rock," Pastor G. Hope.
"Behold Christ Crucified and Tell the World," Miss Olga Guttormson, Missionary on Furlough from South Africa.

SATURDAY, JULY 29

- 8.45 p.m., Choral Union Rehearsal.
Prayer Session, Pastor D. O. Hanson, Watrous, Sask.
- 9.45 p.m., Morning Session.
Bible Study, Dr. Warren Quanbeck.
- 10.15 a.m., Oratorical Contest for Winning Boy and Girl from Each Circuit.
- 11.00 a.m., Business Session. Reports, Elections, Resolutions.
- 2.00 p.m., Convention Outing under Local Arrangements.
Pocket Testament League Outing, Isabel Kaldor.
- 7.00 p.m., Film Period, Mr. G. Loken.
- 7.45 p.m., Saturday Evening Session.
Singspiration, Dr. O. K. Storaasli.
Offering, Canadian Leaguers' Advance.
Special Music Supplied by Choral Union.
"Behold Christ Crucified, and Pray," Evangelist E. N. Nelson.

SUNDAY, JULY 30

- 9.00 a.m., Convention Communion Service.
Liturgist, Pastor J. B. Stolee, assisted by Pastor M. B. Odland.
Confessional Address, Pastor O. H. Haugen.
- 11.00 a.m., Convention Festival Service.
Liturgist, Pastor Arnold Hagen; Sermon, Dr. M. A. Dale.
Convention Offering.
Prince Albert Lutheran Choir.
- 2.30 p.m., Choral Union Rehearsal.
- 3.00 p.m., Sacred Concert by the Canada District Choral Union.
Prelude, Convention Organist.
Scripture Reading and Prayer.
Choral Group: "Golden Harps are Sounding," Paderewski.
"Good Tidings to Zion," Christiansen.
"Seek Ye the Lord," Roberts.
Address, Dr. O. K. Storaasli.
Choral Group, "Lullaby on Christmas Eve." Christiansen.
"A Life in God," Christiansen.
"The King of Love My Shepherd is," Shelley.
Choral Union Offering.
Choral Group, "Jesus, Priceless Treasure," Lindeman.
"Lost in the Night," Christiansen.
Praise to the Lord," Christiansen.
Installation of Officers, Dr. M. A. Dale, Canada District President.
Doxology and Benediction.
- 7.30 p.m., Sunday Evening Inspiration Service.
Singspiration, Dr. O. K. Storaasli.
Offering for Canada District Luther League.
Special Music.
"Behold Chirst Crucified and Serve," Evangelist E. N. Nelson.
Testimony and Prayer.
Consecration Service.
Closing of Convention.

MONDAY, JULY 31

Tour to Waskesiu in Prince Albert National Park, with Prince Albert Board of Trade and Parks Board co-operating and assisting.

CONVENTION SUCCESS

Greetings from the District Executive with Isaiah 55:1, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."

This is a personal invitation to each one of you to attend your District Luther League Convention in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, July 27-30, 1950. The District conventions are breaking all attendance records this year. Let us do likewise at Prince Albert.

Here is how you can make the convention a success. Especially make it a success in the sight of God, that His Name may be glorified.

- As individuals and as Leagues, join the convention prayer crusade. Pray for the convention preparations, for the speakers, and the entire program. Invite others to join the prayer crusade. Pray for individuals who need Christ. Let the burden for souls cause you to pray fervently. May this convention be a harvest of souls for the Lord.
- Elect NOW your delegates from your local league (one for every ten members or fraction thereof). Discuss with your pastor and mem-

bers of the congregation, plans for helping your Leaguers get to the convention. Be practical! Be definite! Urge and invite others to form carloads and motor to P.A. Talk P.A.!

A rich treat is in store for the Luther Leaguers of our District this summer, both in the Leadership School and in our District Convention. Begin now to plan to have a part in it! Pray much for God's blessings on these important events!

—(Excerpts from District Executive Circular).

ATTENTION FOR ORATORICAL CONTESTANTS

Note, there will be an oratorical contest at the District Convention. There is one contest for boys and one for girls. In other words, one boy and one girl from each circuit is eligible to participate in the District Convention Oratorical contest. These contestants are chosen at Circuit rallies or convention. Entrants are to be under 18 years of age. The topic is to be of devotional nature from eight to ten minutes in length. So Circuit Leagues, have your contestants chosen and give your young speakers the greatest encouragement.

GREETINGS FROM A SEXSMITH LEAGUER

I am looking forward with much enthusiasm to our Luther League convention at Prince Albert. I trust that all over Canada hundreds of Leaguers like myself are praying that this gathering will be a blessing and an inspiration; an inspiration that we may go back to our local Leagues with a new zeal for the work of God's Kingdom.

May this be our slogan: "Let us all plan and pray for our Convention at P.A."

The Rosebush Luther League held its April meeting in the Ferry Point Church on April 16th. The theme of our program was, "What does Easter Mean to You?" A good crowd was present. Rev. Olson centred his talk around the topic, "Empty." What would Easter mean to any of us if the tomb had not been empty on Easter morning? Jesus died to pay for our sins but if He had not risen again on Easter morning we would have been lost forever. "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23.

The League held its "Youth For Christ" program in the Edberg Church on May 21st. A large crowd came which was very encouraging to the Leaguers. The theme of our League this year is, "Behold, Christ the Crucified." Emphasis was placed on Youth and the part they can do to further Christ's Kingdom here on earth. Pastor Rude stressed the importance of Sunday School work, summer camps, League rallies, and conventions, etc. Collection amounted to \$15.00 which was given to "Youth for Christ" work. Our librarian, Elaine Schiele, informed us that our 1950 group of reading books had arrived. We urge all Leaguers to read them and encourage others to read them, too.

—Phyllis Lien,
Luther League Reporter.

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form, to live in it contrary to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, such a life is definitely not of God but of the Devil!

God, instead of being the author of that which is evil, is the fountain from which all good originates and flows. (Read verses 17-18). Just think of the riches of these verses particularly

these words: "Of His own will He brought us forth." Here we see the whole program of God for the sinner, and we are ushered into the exceeding riches of God's Grace toward us, whose one will from the moment that man first fell into sin is not that he should continue in sin and thus go lost, but that all might be saved! Let us look a little closer at these words: "He brought us forth," as to:

a) Who is it? It is the Father of Lights, our immutable, unchanging God, with whom there is no variable-ness, neither shadow of turning! A God whose one verdict over sin is "The soul that sinneth shall surely die!" He that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap destruction!" Be sure your sins will find you out! This decree is irrevocable, it cannot be changed. Such is the nature of God's holiness!

b) What is it? When I read these words, "He brought us forth," realizing that it is this immutable God, the Father of Lights, who has brought us forth, I marvel at the intensity of His love, as out of love He has reached down and has provided the way whereby even I, a lost and condemned sinner, might be saved! High above, yet in love, stooping so low, to someone so fallen, that I might be saved! Herein lies the glory of His love, the richness of His mercy! Not by anything in me, but all in Him! Our minds are too finite, our capacities too limited, our lives too short, to fully grasp the entire scope of these words: "He brought us forth," particularly if instead of the word "us" you can insert the word "me."

c) He brought us forth by the Word of Truth! Just think, my friend, all that God has provided and intends for you and I is centered in, and can be found through the Word! This was the Gospel that Paul preached (I Cor. 1:23) . . . which Peter says (I Cor. 1:23) and through Eph. 2:1 is realized. There is no hope for the one who obeys not this Word of Truth!

d) Why? He brough us forth "that we might be a kind of first fruit of His creatures" the distinguishing marks of which are: swift to hear, slow to anger, slow to speak, putting away all filthiness and rank growth of wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted Word, which is able to save your souls! "Is this Word having free course in your heart and soul?"

—R. O. Olson.

THE "TRIPLE L" CAMP REMINDER

Do you have your suitcase packed and ready to come to the Luther League Leadership Camp at Christopher Lake?

Have you sent in your advance registration? (You may register now and

pay the \$3.00 fee when you come.)

If you have no registration form use the one below and send it to Miss Clara Haugen, 212 Wiggins Avenue, Saskatoon.

LUTHER LEAGUE LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

Registration Form

Please register the following person(s) from _____ Lutheran Church for the _____ District Luther League Leadership School.

1. Name _____
Address _____
Age _____ Officer _____ Advisor _____ Other _____

2. Name _____
Address _____
Age _____ Officer _____ Advisor _____ Other _____

3. Name _____
Address _____
Age _____ Officer _____ Advisor _____ Other _____

Enclosed Find \$_____ in Payment of Registration Fee for the Above Person(s).

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION

MRS. E. M. BERGH, Camrose, Alberta, W.M.F. Editor.

Deadline for material to W.M.F. Editor the 2nd of each month

"Then said Jesus unto the twelve, 'Will ye also go away?'" John 6:67.

Many of Jesus' disciples went back, and walked no more with Him. Therefore he turned to the twelve and asked them, "Will ye also go away?" From the question, we readily understand that even they might desert the Master. Even these who were closest to Him might leave Him. Even they might run away.

There is a similar danger to us who are His present-day disciples. We have frequently witnessed the sad spectacle: Many begin to walk with Jesus. They love His Word. They love His House. They love His people. But by and by they forget Him. They live no longer in fellowship with Him. The heart of the Master is saddened. He gave His life for them. They refused to give their life to Him in return.

Today He puts this same question to you and me: "Will you also go away?" Will you do as so many have done? They sought after God, and He was found of them; but they went away from Him in the hour of temptation.

Let no one think: "There is no danger. I shall never leave my Saviour!" Remember, one of the chosen twelve went away! He betrayed the Master. We also are in danger of defection and treason to our Lord. We, too, may desert our Master in the hour of trial.

May Jesus' searching question be a warning to each one of us! May we not trust to our own strength! May we open our hearts to Christ and His salvation! May we diligently seek His face, in prayer, in His Word, in the Sacrament! Thus shall we be joined to Him more closely as the days pass by, and He will keep us in union with Himself.

—Selected.

The Southern Alberta Circuit W.M.F. convention met in Bow Island on May 26th and 27th, 1950, in conjunction with the Circuit convention. We were also privileged to have our District president, Mrs. E. Pederson, Outlook, Sask., and Miss Olga Guttormson, missionary nurse from Africa, (home on furlough) with us.

On Friday afternoon, at a joint session, Miss Guttormson gave a short sketch of her work carried on in the mission field which was to take care of the sick and also training native nurses. She also showed a flannelgraph of the country and told how their way of living which was of great interest to big and small. It was just a small glimpse into the mission field.

We were also blessed with songs and testimonies from the C.L.B.I. group and Pastor Vinge.

On Friday evening, Miss Guttormson showed slides from Africa, explaining them at the same time.

Saturday morning Pastor Haugen led us in a very heart-searching Bible study from the Book of Romans, dealing with sin which is our attitude to God, but through faith in Christ we receive the righteousness of God.

At 11.00 a.m., the W.M.F. met in the community hall for their business session, with reports from the various departments. The report from our Circuit President, Mrs. T. Jacobson, was very interesting and showed a marked progress in the W.M.F. of Southern Alberta. We met again at 2.00 p.m. A committee was chosen to draw up a proposed constitution, namely Pastor and Mrs. T. Jacobson, Milo, Mrs. Eli Olson, Mrs. R. Skippen and Mrs. A. Setler, all of Calgary. Topics were given under the theme, "Build With God," based on I Cor. 3:9 by the following: "Bought to be Builders," Mrs. Sven Varhaug, Enchant; "Prepared to be Builders," Mrs. A. Setter, Calgary; "Working as

Builders," Mrs. Russel Berg, Claresholm. Mrs. Pederson gave a short message expressing how glad she was to be with us at our W.M.F. convention, and urged us to continue in the good work for the Lord.

May we as W.M.F. workers "present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your spiritual service." Rom. 12:1.

—Mrs. Agnes Varhaug, Enchant, Circuit Secretary-Treasurer, Southern Alberta.

The W.M.F. Yorkton Circuit convention was held in the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Naicam, on May 15th with Circuit President, Mrs. C. Otteson presiding. The convention theme was "Build with God," based on I Cor. 3:9, "For ye are laborers together with God, ye are God's husbandry, we are God's building."

The local pastor, Rev. S. Bue, opened the convention with the worship service, his theme being "What reward seek ye?" Matt. 20:20-18. Greetings of welcome were brought by Mrs. M. Felstad, Naicam and Mrs. E. Pederson, District president. Miss Olga Guttormson, "our own" missionary, home on furlough from South Africa, was guest speaker. She brought us a message from John IV. We travelled with her into a typical village in Zululand, by means of a flannelgraph. Her films were educational and gave us a glimpse of her life among the Zulus.

Mrs. A. Berstad, Melville, chose for her inspiring Bible study, David's prayer in Ps. 51. This was followed by a prayer session.

The topics were presented in three parts. The first part, "Bought to be Builders," by Mrs. K. Knutson, Leroy, stressed that we were bought with the price of Christ's precious blood to be workers for Him in His Vineyard. Mrs. Oberg, Rose Valley, in the second topic, "Prepared to be Builders," challenged us with the question, "Are we prepared to pay the price?" God expects us only to be willing to give whatever talents we have for the work in His Kingdom. The third part "Working as Builders," was given by Mrs. O. Thompson, Bulleya. She stressed that it is only as we first consecrate our own life, we can branch out to be a worker in our home, community and then in the world.

Mrs. E. Pederson, Outlook, favored us with a beautiful organ recital. The Immanuel W.M.F. chorus, Naicam, presented two numbers, "Oh Bread of Life From Heaven," and "For You I am Praying." The mass W.M.F. chorus under the direction of Mrs. C. Otteson, Naicam, presented three numbers, "The Morning Light is Breaking," and "Wake, Awake," and "Built on a Rock." The evening session was opened with a rousing hymn sing led by Mrs. S. Bue, Naicam.

Reports and messages from the various department secretaries showed progress in this Circuit. A nominating committee for 1951 was elected. There was a total registration of 75. A set of books was presented to the Norona Aid, Bulleya for having the largest representation in proportion to the number of miles travelled.

The offerings realized were as follows: Morning session, \$30.42 for the District treasury; afternoon session, \$115.85 for United Christian Education Appeal; evening session, \$38.14, to be given to Miss Gutormson for her Zulu twins.

The list of officers for the following year remain as follows: President, Mrs. C. Otteson, Naicam; vice-president, Mrs. A. Berstad, Melville; secretary, Mrs. W. Anholt, Naicam; treasurer, Mrs. C. Berg, Hinchliffe; Missions, Mrs. C. Westby, Rose Valley; Education, Mrs. O. Kvemshagen,

Preeceville; Promotions, Mrs. L. Knutson, Margo; Charities, Mrs. A. Anderson, Dovre, Spalding; Life Membership and In Memoriam, Mrs. J. Rostad, Southey.

Our convention was brought to a close with a fitting consecration service, the music and readings given by a local group. Thanks go to our hostesses who fed our bodies with delicious meals and who had their work so well planned that no one was so busy "in the kitchen" that she had to miss any session. The Lord blessed us spiritually so that we felt that we had had a "mountain top" experience.

Mrs. A. Anholt, secretary Yorkton Circuit.

The W.M.F. of the Saskatoon Circuit met in St. Olaf Lutheran Church at Watrous in the charge of Rev. D. Hanson.

Our convention opened by singing a hymn after which our District president, Mrs. Pederson, led in devotion.

Mrs. W. Erickson, president of St. Olaf W.M.F. brought a greeting and a welcome to the convention.

The Circuit president, Mrs. N. Bjorndahl gave a report on the workers' conference, stressing the importance of filling in the triplicate cards.

Reports from department secretaries were given.

It was the wish of the convention that we continue to send \$16.00 to the fund for radio broadcasting.

Our missionary, Olga Guttormson, South Africa, gave a very interesting message with illustrations and in the evening we had a film showing the mission fields in Africa. Miss Guttormson commented on incidents throughout the pictures.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Anton Anholt, Kenaston, Sask.; vice-president, Mrs. Odin Berg, Outlook, Sask.; secretary, Mrs. Arden Erlandson, Penzance, Sask.; treasurer, Mrs. Selmer Anderson, Langham, Sask.

—Mrs. D. Fotheringham, secretary, Saskatoon Circuit.

CAMROSE CIRCUIT L.D.R. CONVENTION

The Camrose Circuit held their annual L.D.R. convention on Saturday, June 10, at C.L.B.I. It was a glorious day packed full of blessings for every girl in attendance. Betty McKay our Circuit president, presided. L.D.R. groups represented at our convention were Camrose, Scandia, Bethany, and Bawlf. L.C.R. groups from Bawlf and Camrose.

The morning session consisted of a short business session. Some very interesting talks by some of the L.D.R. girls were given on "The meaning and the importance of our L.D.R. projects." We also heard reports from the L.D.R. and L.C.R. presidents.

The Christ-centred panel topics in the afternoon were all based on the theme verse, "And whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die. Believeth thou this?" John 11:26.

The new officers elected to serve the Camrose Circuit for 1950 are as follows: President, Viola Wenzel, Camrose; vice-president, Lois Moe, Scandia; Margaret Collins, Bethany; treasurer, Doris Hendrickson, Scandia.

To Jesus Christ be the honor and blessing of our 1950 L.D.R. convention and may we as L.D.R. girls hold high the banner of the cross and truly go "Forward with Christ," during 1950.

—Lois Moe, reported.

More and more as I get older and go on preaching, I find that if I take a text, I need the whole Bible to explain it.

—G. Campbell Morgan.

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

I am sure that some of us who have been praying have also received a peace of mind and a conviction in our hearts that God will bless our District Luther League convention in Prince Albert this summer. After all, we should know that from past experience if nothing else. But we have better reasons for assurance than that. God has promised to answer prayer, and therefore He will hear and answer.

Our Convention is going to begin with a "prayer session" at 4.00 p.m., the first day. Let us all try to be there and begin this convention together in prayer.

PRAY FOR P.A.

—Pastor Gordon Hope, Prayer Crusade Chairman.

WELCOME IN JESUS' NAME

As pastor of the congregation and Luther League which will be host for the coming Canada District Luther League Convention, I want to extend a "Welcome" to all Luther Leaguers in Jesus' Name. There are a few registrations received thus far, and we hope and pray that our convention will be a success as far as numbers are concerned too. Most of all however, we desire that this convention will be used of God to glorify His Holy Name in the lives of our Luther Leaguers. Only as Leaguers are brought into fellowship with Christ, and challenged to lay their all upon the altar of the Lord will this convention prove to be the blessing that God wants it to be. Therefore as we bid you welcome to Prince Albert, we also request that you will join with us in prayer, that this great theme: "Behold Christ Crucified," might literally "burn" its way into the hearts of all who attend.—Pastor A. Hagen.

ARE YOU HUNGRY?

"If I knew you were coming, I'd have baked a cake." Yes, there will be cake and many other pastries baked for you who plan to come to P.A. whether you come or not. There is no "if" in our song and we are looking forward to sharing with you. However there is a much richer menu being prepared for the soul than the body. Various pastors and guest speakers are searching in Scripture and prayer what they might find for food for a hungry soul. Approximately three Luther Leaguers from each Circuit of ten Circuits are preparing to give their best in like manner. Our master recipe is "Behold Christ Crucified," "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." Does your soul hunger after righteousness? Do you long for a closer fellowship with Jesus? Is your League work becoming a drudge? Come and be refreshed! The menu is prepared and you are cordially invited! Jesus said unto them, "I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall not hunger and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." John 5:36.

—Selmer Gjesdal,

P.A. Circuit L.L. President.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

As the time draws nearer to our convention dates we are beginning to feel a bit excited.

The registrations are coming in and plans are going ahead. We are glad so many are registered early. Registration forms have been sent to your pastor. If you haven't a form write anyway. Be sure to say whether you want to stay in a hotel or private home and tell when you will arrive.

We are not asking for any money in advance, but we expect those who reserve hotel rooms to be responsible for them for the dates they have indicated unless they cancel the room before hand.

God can and will do great things through our convention. Let us remember to ask Him to use us and this convention to His Glory.

—Registrar Isabel Kaldor,

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